

State-Local Executive Committee

Minutes

August 21, 2014

Arvy Smith, Colleen Pearce, Dr. Baird, Dr. Dwelle, Kenan Bullinger, Molly Howell, Kirby Kruger, Allen McKay, Tamil Dillman, Dr. Baird, Julie Ferry, Ruth Bachmeier, Sherry Adams, Renae Moch, Barb Frydenlund, Kelly Nagel

Food and Lodging OAR:

- State audit recommended that food and lodging inspections be increased to meet federal FDA recommendations . 4 inspections for high risk establishments will need to be conducted each year. LPHUs have MOUs with the state to provide food and lodging activities in specific areas. LPHUs will need to also increase their capacity to do this work. Need to first categorize the facilities in each local health unit- for each risk level.
- LPHUs need to do some calculations to determine funding needs to provide required inspections. What is needed in addition to fee revenue? LPHUs are considering raising fees. Arvy would like an estimate of local needs for the legislative audit review committee hearing.
- There are other sources of revenue to consider such as plan review fees, enforcement or follow up inspection fees on non-compliant facilities.

Universal Vaccination OAR

- LPHUs requested \$576,000 to maintain recommended vaccinations.
- LPHU noted that they are losing large amounts of money with Universal immunizations. Fargo is not Universal and also notes large amounts of unreimbursed costs. These costs are total costs which include data entry, education, recalls, nurse time, supplies, etc.
- It was questioned whether the structure of the immunization delivery system needs to change. Should LPHUs role be the education and promotion for immunizations and other providers provide the vaccinations?LPHUs indicated that many of the local Pharmacists and primary providers may not be willing to take on this extra work. Dr. Dwelle asked if there was a way to determine whether the LPHUs immunization program is cost effective. It was suggested to analyze specific health unit programs such as Fargo Cass and Central Valley.

Infectious Disease OAR

- LPHUs requested \$480,000 for TB activities and \$486,000 for STDs. The funding needs were based on cost to do routine infectious disease activities. Cost to respond to outbreaks was not included.

OAR Prioritization:

- Fargo and SWDHU both prioritize environmental health, food and lodging, infectious disease and workforce development. Julie suggested doing a survey of LPHUs to determine consensus priorities.